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GRUBB'S BILL ON VX STRENGTHENS SAFETY MEASURES

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana House passed State Rep. F. Dale Grubb's (D-Covington) VX destruction and transportation legislation this week. The representatives voted 96-0 and it has now been sent to the Indiana Senate for further action.

House Bill 1059 includes three provisions that will make the exact location and status of the toxic material and its transportation a more detailed and safe process. The legislation states that facilities generating hazardous waste must be able to demonstrate that the waste will be destroyed or treated to the point of no longer being toxic.

If any materials are transported, they must have a transportation risk analysis document filed with the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), the state police department, and the state emergency management agency prior to the move.

Also, a transportation fee of \$200 will then be levied for each shipment. Half of the money will be dispensed to the county where the VX is located, and the other half will go to IDEM. The money given to IDEM pays for the oversight responsibilities.

"Hoosier safety and protection must remain the top priority as we move through the destruction process and handling of the secondary waste," Grubb said. "This bill continues our vigilance."